

AWARD 148 "BUY HERE" PRIZES

Council Acts to Pave Cedar and Arlington to G. P. Site

Herbert Hoover was touring South America this week under threatening clouds of war.

Paraguay and Bolivia for years have been engaged in a boundary dispute. The controversy became acute when Paraguay recalled its minister to Bolivia.

Paraguay immediately dispatched a note demanding moral reparations for this insult.

At Washington, while the crisis was acute, met the Pan-American conference on arbitration.

Came the note of Paraguay demanding moral reparations. A committee was appointed to investigate the dispute.

It was just a half page of manuscript and it sold for \$9,000. It was part of the manuscript of Charles Dickens' Pickwick Papers.

James A. Patten, Chicago "wheat king" of other days, berated internationally for once cornering the wheat market.

Santa Claus walked to and fro in front of a Chicago department store. A curious small boy seized the old saint's whiskers to see if they were real.

Two hunters went after deer. They returned to Ladysmith Wis. One had a pair of antlers.

A large company manufacturing and selling a well-known brand of cigarettes adopted the radio as a national advertising medium.

The president of the United States needs a summer home near the capitol where he can retire for an annual rest away from the heat and turmoil of Washington.

James Couzens years ago took some Ford stock in payment of service rendered to the then poor Henry. In 1919 Mr. Couzens sold his stock back to Mr. Ford.

One resident remarked after the meeting: "The people don't want to be told merely that the water is not unhealthful. They want to know what is responsible for the bad taste."

Dr. Smiley intimated that he would carry the investigation further. The water company published the fact several weeks ago that a chlorinator had been installed.

Guaranteed paint, \$2.95 gallon. Consolidated Lumber Co., Torrance, adv.

Shopping Days Buy Better in Torrance

SIDE STEP OF ISSUE TAKEN

Health Men Say Bad Taste Mystery to Them After Test SAY WATER HEALTHFUL But Fail to Answer Important Questions at Council Meeting

What makes Torrance water taste so like a dose of medicine and how long will residents be forced to put up with the unpleasant taste.

Pressed by hundreds of protests the council on Dec. 5 asked the health officials to investigate. Mr. Isaacs reported on Dec. 5 five samples of water were taken in Torrance and analyzed.

Both Mr. Isaacs and Dr. Smiley, however, declared that the amount of chlorine gas put in the water would not be responsible for any unpleasant taste.

At the same time they declared the reason for the unpleasant taste a mystery to them. The report, as councilmen informally pointed out, would not satisfy any resident from whose taps comes water which no person can drink without making a wry face.

The Herald office, the Chamber of Commerce, the City Hall, the County Health department have been besieged with protests from residents.

Observations

Duck Hunting With a Dead Shot Swede—Rules for the Novice—Putting the Love Note into an Artificial Quacker—The Hunter's Pride

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IF I were called upon to pen a book of instructions to beginner duck hunters I would lead off with the flat statement that the mallard-seeking novice should first of all find a Swede.

FIRST, I got my Swede. I got none other than that ultra-efficient shot-gun manipulator, Mr. Hezekiah Moses Tolson. There let the tale begin.

MR. TOLSON left the care of his parents at the tender age of eight years. Since then I believe he has spent one third of his time at home, one third at his business and one third with a shot-gun in his hand.

YOUR Swede will do the rest. After the first hint that you are interested in bagging the elusive water-fowl you can safely give yourself over to the expert care of the Scandinavian. And if you don't come home with a big flock of ducks it will be because your Swede killed you out of kindness to end your ignorance.

ONCE your Swede takes charge you will soon have a definite appointment for the takeoff. You will leave home about 7 p. m. For about four hours telephone poles will look like picket posts and at you listen to Swedish hunting lingo the time will pass in a trice.

YOU will retire to a good bed in a neat cabin by lantern light and feed yourself down alongside your mountain of Swede, whose snoring will not bother you at all, at all.

THEN you'll shoulder your piece—your Swede will have six from which to choose—and trudge under the bright, cool stars to the boat landing. It will be 4 a. m. The air will be biting and brisk.

YOU'RE in Blind No. Blank—I won't tell you which blind the Swede favors. He'll shoot me like a mutton. You paddle your own canoe out over the lake, following Ed Finney's boat which is toting a lantern.

EVERYTHING is all set. Your Swede fairly floats with the love of it. Slowly the stars dim. The moon in her last quarter rises in the east, chased by the first faint signs of the sun.

THE rim of the east is bright with life and color. Dimly now you catch fleeting glimpses of ducks winging overhead. From his ten bushel jacket Hezekiah Moses Tolson fishes out his duck talker and blows into it a plain word of duck language.

TWO strays circle. Your Swede speaks to them cajolingly with his duck-talker. They're curious. They head directly for the blind, descend, oh so gracefully!

FIFTEEN minutes and not a duck left enough to shoot. A pair of boobs in the next blind are blazing away at fowl 40 yards above range.

ALL the time Mose is calling them with his quacker. He lures them home. And you may bank on it to the last mutton that when they come our way they stop.

\$250 CASH AWARDS MADE

Flood of Papers by Students Tell Public to Buy It in Torrance GIVE PRIZES ON FRIDAY Winning Essays Will Be Published in Herald Next Week

From a great mass of essays written by Torrance school children in the \$250 cash prize "Buy in Torrance" Contest by the Chamber of Commerce, judges last night made final selections of 144 winners.

First prize of \$25—Richard Sinclair, age 17. Second prize of \$15—Dorothy Warren, age 14.

Third prize of \$10—Allan Renn, age 16. Fourth prize of \$7.50—Donald Haynes, age 10.

Fifth prize of \$5.00—John Young, age 15. Sixth, seventh and eighth prizes of \$2.50 each—Ethel Ward, age 15; Leta West, age 15; Wilson Page, age 16.

Forty two-dollar prizes were awarded and 100 one-dollar prizes. Each of these prize winners will be found further on in this column.

The judges were Mrs. N. P. Jamieson, Principal Herbert Wood of the High School and Mrs. Sam Rappaport.

All prizes will be awarded at an assembly in the High School Auditorium Friday morning.

The judges were delighted with the merit and evidence of original thought which the students put into their compositions.

Enlightened action to save 160 acres in West Torrance for Dwelling Houses

Enlightened action to save 160 acres in West Torrance for residential purposes was taken by the council Tuesday night at the recommendation of City Engineer Leonard.

Confronted with what in a few years may be a distressing lack of land for dwelling house development the council on motion of Councilman Maxwell voted Lots 1 to 32 in Tract 3458 from the unclassified to the residence zone.

Immediately north of the tract newly zoned is a large dairy. Property owners in the district, headed by Dick Felker, feared that other dairies might enter the area and urged a change of zone to prevent it.

In changing the zone the council took cognizance of the fact that deep oil well drilling is a possibility in the district and informally agreed that in case of such a development the district could be zoned again.

NIX ON THE WHITEWASH!

The Herald has refrained from commenting on the water situation during the past two weeks, pending a report by health authorities. Now that report has been made. It is eminently unsatisfactory. We are assured the water is healthful. We are not told what is responsible for the bad taste.

It is not a pleasant task for a newspaper, striving to assist the growth and development of its city, to allude to a condition which is anything but inviting to new residents. That is why we have endeavored to be patient in the matter.

The people of Torrance are entitled to know the whole story about the water situation. They want no "white-wash" report. If our public health authorities are "mystified" over it all, the city should get some health authorities who won't be.

On behalf of the people of Torrance The Herald demands of the council, the health men and the water company something more than the meaningless report made by Dr. Smiley and Mr. Isaacs Tuesday night.

And it might not be out of place to suggest that the council find out when the water reservoir was last cleaned and to ascertain whether it needs cleaning again.

So. Calif. Edison Co. Will Expend \$629,000 in This District in 1929

The expenditure of \$629,000 for extensions and re-enforcements of the Southern California Edison Company distributing system in the Redondo Beach district has been planned for 1929, according to the announcement today of C. W. Koerner, district manager for the company here.

The budget for the entire system of the Southern California Edison Company, which now serves 360 cities and towns in ten counties of Southern and Central California, provides for the continuation of the development of the Long Beach steam generating plant and the Big Creek-San Joaquin hydro-electric project.

"In addition to this amount, which is to be spent for actual construction work in this district," Mr. Koerner said, "the Redondo Beach proportion for generation and transmission will amount to \$60,000, making a total of \$689,000 to be spent by the Southern California Edison Company to maintain its standard of service in this territory. This is a part of the company's total construction budget of \$25,260,214 for 1929, which in turn is a portion of the \$130,000,000 the company plans to spend during the next five years, largely for extensions of the distributing system."

The Redondo Beach district which will benefit by the betterment planned for in the Company's 1929 construction budget includes Redondo Beach, Hermosa, Lomita, Gardena, Manhattan, Torrance, Moneta, Palos Verdes and the intervening territory.

The growth of the towns and of the district as a whole during the past year justifies this large appropriation, Mr. Koerner said. The proposed expenditures were planned, he said, to enable the Company to keep abreast with this growth and to provide for meeting the future demands for electric service. Re-enforcements to meet

The new service requirements have been planned for Lomita and Torrance, and entirely new sub-stations will be constructed at Moneta and Redondo Hills. A new company store and garage will be built for the district.

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A major item in the new budget will care for the erection and extension of transmission lines to carry additional loads of steam and hydro-electric energy into the Redondo Beach and other districts of the system. The 1929 program of expenditures also calls for the construction of a new general office building for the company in Los Angeles.

District Leads "The Redondo Beach district has been among the leaders in the growth in Southern California and in the development of the Southern California Edison Company," Mr. Koerner said. "The company expects to continue as a factor in the future growth of this district and this year will contribute to its business through the distribution here of its \$95,000 district payroll."

PLANS ARE ORDERED DRAWN

City Dads Speed Action as Pressing Need Is Stressed WON'T WAIT ON PARKWAY Local Problem Cannot Wait on Big Project Plans Officials Decide

Spurred to action by the necessity of linking the business and residential areas, the general petroleum refinery site now being rapidly developed the city council Tuesday night instructed City Engineer Frank Leonard to prepare plans and specifications for the paving of Cedar and Arlington avenues north to the General Petroleum tract line.

This action was taken after a letter from the Chamber of Commerce was read stressing the importance of highways connecting the city with the G. P. site. Mayor Donahue, Councilmen Wolfe and Maxwell and Engineer Leonard discussed the Cedar avenue problem in its relation to the proposed Hollywood-Palos Verdes parkway.

All emphasized the pressing need of the roads to the G. P. site and declared that the city could not be expected to delay vital local improvements until the parkway plan is finally settled.

Councilman Maxwell said, "We've waited and waited on this parkway proposition. Meantime we have a great industry being built right under our noses and it's up to us to connect it to the city with highways. We can't hold up local needs for the parkway any longer. I say forget the parkway now and improve Cedar and Arlington."

Carl L. Hyde advised the council that the improvements on Cedar and Arlington could be effected just as though the parkway plan never existed.

"The matter of improving Cedar and Arlington has been befogged by talk about the parkway," he said. "As a matter of fact these local improvements need not be delayed an instant on account of the parkway plan."

Councilman Maxwell moved that plans and specifications be prepared for paving Cedar from the end of the proposed parkway to the south line of the G. P. tract, the paving to be 40-foot wide; that Arlington be paved to a width of 40 feet from 20th street to the G. P. south line; that deeds be secured for the extension of Arlington to 190th street and if and when they are secured that plans and specifications be drawn for the improvement of right of way so acquired.

It is impossible for the city to improve Cedar avenue north of the G. P. south line because the right of way from that line north is 225-foot wide, the deed to it having been received when the G. P. bought the tract. This deed stipulates that this right of way be used for a parkway.

Arrest Two on Burglary Charge

Lloyd Ryther and Vernon Tubbs were arrested December 10 charged with the burglary of a store at 701 N. Western avenue. The store is owned by Mrs. Loreto Chiosso.

Preliminary hearing of the case took place this morning at 10 o'clock.

CABLE CUTTER STOLEN A cable cutter, the property of Fred Wells of Long Beach, was stolen from a place near the city dump on the night of Dec. 3.

The cutter, which has a valuation of \$150, was used to cut iron and steel with. A warrant has been issued for the thief, name unknown.

TODAY'S BEST NEWS FOR YOUR POCKETBOOK

Every day Torrance merchants report experiences of customers who have gone shopping away from here, only to find that the same goods may be secured for the same price or at a lower price RIGHT HERE IN TORRANCE. The inside pages of this newspaper contain Christmas advertisements of Torrance merchants which are well worth your time in reading. This year, look around in Torrance, FIRST.